

2May2017 Tree Board/Conservation Commission meeting minutes

Convene at 5:36

ROLL CALL

Mike Lapisky, Brian Wagner, Stephanie Figary, John DiPanni, Sara Wigginton

Narragansett Development Staff: Michael DeLuca and Bruce Lofgren

Absent: Kina King and John Kaufman

Matt Enright, report from The Independent was in attendance

CONSENT AGENDA

1C Minutes: Approved. (1) John DiPanni (2) Brian Wagner

2C Correspondence: No correspondence.

REGULAR AGENDA: New Business

3R Narragansett Plastic Bag Ordinance: Discussion on a possible ordinance to ban the use of plastic bags in Town.

Sara Wigginton presented a fact sheet that was created by the University of Rhode Island graduate student group on the potential plastic bag ban. The group is creating a report for the Commission that will include (1) environmental impacts, (2) economic impacts, (3) public outreach, (4) law and policy examples, and (5) histories of bag bans in Rhode Island. The report will be available for the June meeting. South Kingston is considering a similar ban and could be a partner in this process.

Motion to continue this discussion to the June Conservation Commission meeting agenda: (1) Brian Wagner, (2) Sara Wigginton

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4R Boston Neck Road Scenic Overlook: Discussion of the site and update on progress.

Discussed the next steps for the Boston Neck Road Scenic Overlook. A meeting was held with the town manager about the site and future plans. Town council will be briefed on the plans. Mike Lapisky will update RI DOT on the progress.

Motion to continue the discussion to the June Conservation Commission meeting agenda: (1) Brian Wagner, (2) John DiPanni

5R Moses Trail Project: Discussion and update on progress.

Equipment for the wetland delineation was purchased and will arrive by June meeting. Scope of work is being drafted and will be presented at the June meeting as well. Stephanie Figary will delineate the wetlands after equipment arrives.

Motion to continue this discussion and update of the project to the June Conservation Commission meeting
agenda: (1) Brian Wagner, (2) Sara Wigginton

Other items: John DiPanni reported on the Arbor Day tree-planting event on April 29th, 2017.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM. (1) Brian Wagner, (2) Sara Wigginton

Written and submitted by Stephanie Figary